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MEMORANDUM

<p>To: Legislative Oversight Committee Members Commission for MH/DD/SAS Consumer/Family Advisory Committee Chairs Advocacy Organizations and Groups North Carolina Association of County Commissioners County Managers County Board Chairs North Carolina Council of Community Programs</p> <p>From: Mike Moseley </p> <p>Re: Communication Bulletin #061 Partners for Planning Regional Crisis Services</p>	<p>State Facility Directors Area Program Directors Area Program Board Chairs DHHS Division Directors Provider Organizations MH/DD/SAS Professional Organizations and Groups MH/DD/SAS Stakeholder Organizations and Groups Other MH/DD/SAS Stakeholders</p>
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As required by Section 10.26 of SB 1741, Secretary Hooker Odom has designated fifteen groupings of LMEs to plan for the development of regional crisis facilities. These groupings, which were identified with input from the Local Management Entities (LMEs), will work with the Division and a consultant to be hired by the Division to develop a continuum of crisis services for all North Carolinians who are in need of immediate service to address their mental health, developmental disability or substance abuse needs.

The groupings are as follows: (1) Alamance-Caswell-Rockingham, Durham, Five County, OPC; (2) Albemarle, Tideland; (3) Catawba, Crossroads, Foothills, Pathways; (4) CenterPoint; (5) Cumberland, Johnston, Southeastern Regional, Wake; (6) Eastpointe; (7) Edgecombe-Nash, Neuse, Pitt, Roanoke-Chowan, Wilson-Greene; (8) Guilford; (9) Mecklenburg; (10) New River; (11) Onslow-Carteret, Southeastern Center; (12) Piedmont; (13) Smoky Mountain; (14) Western Highlands; and (15) Sandhills. A map showing the location of these groupings is attached.

Each of these LMEs or groups of LMEs will be asked to designate one lead person to serve on an advisory group for the statewide crisis service continuum planning. With the Division and the consultant, the advisory group and each individual LME or group of LMEs will determine which of the array of crisis services should be shared by programs and which services should be provided locally so that the needs of all disability groups and ages can be met appropriately. As a first step, each of the LMEs or group of LMEs has been requested to complete by September 1, 2006, an inventory of the crisis services currently available in the catchment area(s).

Bonnie Morell, Team Leader of the Best Practice Team, is taking the lead on this initiative. Bonnie may be reached for questions at 919-715-2774 or at Bonnie.Morell@ncmail.net.

Attachment

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